

# FULL COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

## Hampton Clean City Commission

March 8, 2022 ~ 3:30pm



**Board Members Present:** Alex Maness, Chair; Grady McLean; Gayle Mooney; April Receveur

**Also Present:** Councilman Chris Bowman; Angela King, Asst. City Attorney; Linda & Robert Boone; Cris Ausink; Wendy Iles

**Absent:** Ryan Adams, Barb Abraham, Jackie Cannan, Chris Grady, Liam Thurkettle, C’Faison Harris

### Opening Business

**Welcome and Time Sheet:** Alex Maness called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and asking all to sign in.

**Roll Call, Protocol, and Approval of Notes/Minutes:** Roll call was taken; a quorum was not present. Protocol was read. February minutes could not be approved.

**Hampton City Council:**

**Hampton City Attorney:**

**Hampton Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services:** No report

**Hampton Public Works:** No report

**Financial Overview:** No report

### Proposals, Discussion, Voting Items & Updates

**Board Member Commitment:** No report

**Board Member Absenteeism:**

**2022 Earth Day Celebration:** Wendy requested that each committee submit a 30 second video from someone on their committee of Earth Day update about each committee having to do an “What does Earth Day Mean to you?”

Wendy said she was going to do a pre-Earth Day activity with Y.H. Thomas after school program on Friday, March 18. The students will plant pollinator plant seeds to put in the Y.H. Thomas garden in the strip near fence behind building. The seeds grown by students should be large enough by Earth Day to plant. Gayle mentioned the poor

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quality of soil here on the Y.H. Thomas grounds. Much discussion followed about location. Gayle suggested that raised beds filled with compost and good soil be a solution for soil quality. April had some ideas for acquiring needed supplies for the proposed garden. Details pertaining to the pollinator bed are to be discussed between Gayle, Alex and April March 22.

Wendy would like each committee to have some activity for children on Earth Day.

### **Committee & Partner Updates**

**Beautification:** Wendy reported that Monday's Yards Training was a success. Fifteen citizens showed up to be yard judges this year.

**Bee City USA-Hampton:** Members were encouraged to attend the March 17 webinar on "How to Grow Butterflies". You can find the webinar on Eventbrite.

**Clean & Green Workplaces:** Wendy mentioned that if anyone on the Board knew of businesses practicing environmental stewardship, please nominate them.

**Community Gardens:** Wendy reported that there is only one garden left at Buckroe and two on the waiting list for Buckroe. North Phoebus Community Center has only one plot left.

**Hampton Waterways Restoration Project:** Linda reported that she and Cris met with Adam Newland the manager of BBGF and walked the grounds to see where different exhibits and activities should go. Adam also showed us some new features added to the park within the past couple years such the Adventure Park that contains some forts made from nature, stone/brick play area and the completion of the Azalea Trail loop, along with directional signs. She also noted that the Oyster Point Train Depot is located on the farm.

As far as HWRP and HCCC Board, Adam would like HCCC to assist in the planning of a 6' crab or fish trash sculpture and the restoration of the Living Shoreline trail and the Living Shoreline itself. By the end of March, there hopefully will be a vegetable and pollinator garden.

Linda, also, announced that Peninsula Master Naturalist have a software program called Better Impact. The software has a place where there are lists of different activities that one can sign up to volunteer. She thought that software would be beneficial to HCCC.

**Litter & Recycling Awareness:** Will have an exhibit at the Creation Care Day this Saturday, March 12 at the Fox Hill Central Methodist Church. Loye will be demonstrating how to make newspaper seedling pots. Loye made a box for citizens to put in their new unused greeting cards. The box is located in the HCCC foyer.

**School Pride in Action:** At Thursday's SPIA meeting they will be discussing the recycling program. The committee is reviving the recycling program. It hopes to have 120 new recycling bins for the schools.

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**Peninsula Master Gardeners:** Gayle reported that there was a Board meeting tonight and put on your calendar that the MG Spring Plant Sale at BBGF is on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00am- 1:00 pm.

**Peninsula Master Naturalists:** Linda advised that she would present information about Bluebird Gap Farm projects and opportunities at the upcoming PMN meeting..

### Staff Reports:

### Public Comment:

### Meeting adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously carried at     pm.

### Announcements

- Earth Day Planning Meeting, March 9, HCCC, 9am
- HWRP Meeting, March 10, FMCC, 6:30pm
- Creation Care Day – United Methodist Church Fox Hill, March 12, 9am-1pm
- C&GW Meeting, March 15, HCCC, 3:30pm
- Bee City USA-Hampton Meeting, March 17, HCCC, 1pm
- Bee City USA-Hampton Webinar Series – “Growing Butterflies”, March 17, 7-8pm
- VPPSA Household Chemical Collection & Computer Recycling, March 19, Coliseum, 8a-12p
- Great American Cleanup Campaign, Various Sites, March 26 – Volunteers Needed
- Earth Day Planning Meeting, March 30, HCCC, 10am
- Walk Hampton Clean Event, April 1-30, Volunteers Needed, contact [causink@hampton.gov](mailto:causink@hampton.gov) / 757-727-1158
- Rain Barrel Workshop, April 2, contact [causink@hampton.gov](mailto:causink@hampton.gov) / 757-727-1158
- LRAC Community Cleanup, Thomas Street, April 2
- LRAC Meeting, April 7, HCCC, 10am
- Full Commission Meeting, April 12, HCCC, 3:30pm

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Recorder: CAusink

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